Merchant & Gould

An Intellectual Property Law Firm

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER FEB 0 1 2005 3200 IDS Center 80 South Eighth Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-2215 USA TEL 612.332.5300 FAX 612.332.9081 www.merchantgould.com

A Professional Corporation

Fax Transmission

February 1, 2005

TO:

Commissioner for Patents

Attn: Examiner Renzo Rocchegiani

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FROM:

Douglas P. Mueller

OUR REF:

10873.1303US01

TELEPHONE:

612.371.5237

Total pages, including cover letter: 14

PTO FAX NUMBER 1-(703) 872-9306

If you do NOT receive all of the pages, please telephone us at 612.332.5300, or fax us at 612.332.9081.

Title of Document Transmitted:

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Applicant:

Akira Fukumoto

Serial No.:

10/678200

Filed:

October 2, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2825

2025

Our Ref. No.:

10873.1303US01

Confirmation No. 2135

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

Name: Douglas P. Muelle

Reg. No.: 30,300

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Signature

gnature

February 1, 2005

Date

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER FEB 0 1 2005

S/N 10/678,200

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Akira Fukumoto

Examiner:

R. ROCCHEGIANI

Serial No.:

10/678,200

Group Art Unit:

2825

Filed:

October 2, 2003

Docket No.:

10873.1303US01

Title:

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING

THE SAME

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 1,

2005.

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.